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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 6, 2004, Applicant elects claims 1-3, 6-10, 13-18 and 21-23 of Group II, and the corresponding species, without traverse.

Accordingly, an action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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